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(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed



the translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:



international search (Rule 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))



publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))



international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished



the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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the claims:

nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished

nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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the drawings:

sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished

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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____



the claims, nos. _____



the drawings, sheets/figs _____

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the description, pages _____



the claims, nos. _____



the drawings, sheets/figs _____

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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1.	Statement		
	Novelty (N)	Claims <u>2, 4, 5-8, 10, 11, 13, 15-16</u>	YES
		Claims <u>1, 3, 9, 12, 14</u>	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>8, 13</u>	YES
		Claims <u>1-7, 9-12, 14-16</u>	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-16</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
2.	Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
	<p>Document 1: JP 04-129407 A (Alps Electric Co., Ltd.), 30 April 1992</p> <p>Document 2: JP 07-254821 A (NEC Corp.), 03 October 1995</p> <p>Document 3: JP 2001-522566 A (Maxim Integrated Products, Inc.), 13 November 2001</p> <p>Document 4: JP 09-069730 A (NEC Corp.), 11 March 1997</p> <p>The inventions set forth in claims 1, 3, 9 and 12 are the same as the configurations illustrated in fig. 1 to 3 of document 1 cited in the international search report. In addition, the invention set forth in claim 14 is the same as the configuration illustrated in fig. 2 of document 1 cited in the international search report.</p> <p>Such being the case, the inventions set forth in claims 1, 3, 9, 12 and 14 lack novelty and do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 cited in the international search report.</p> <p>Document 1 cited in the international search report indicates that "in order to improve the distortion characteristics, it is necessary to supply a large collector current to the differential amplifier comprising transistors Q5 and Q6; on the other hand, in order to improve the noise factor characteristics of the</p>		

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	<p>double balanced mixer comprising transistors Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4, it is necessary to decrease the collector current" (refer to page 2, lower left column, lines 4 to 9).</p> <p>Meanwhile, document 2 cited in the international search report discloses a configuration wherein the transistors are connected in parallel in order to reduce the current that flows therethrough.</p> <p>Such being the case, the inventions set forth in claims 2, 10 and 11 are obvious in the light of documents 1 and 2 cited in the international search report; consequently, the inventions in question do not involve an inventive step.</p> <p>Document 3 cited in the international search report describes the technical concept of providing bias current supply circuits, each of which only supplies an additional bias current to a respective output load unit, instead of using a single bias current supply circuit to supply a bias current to all of the output load units.</p> <p>Such being the case, the invention set forth in claim 4 is obvious in the light of documents 1 and 3 cited in the international search report; consequently, the invention in question does not involve an inventive step.</p> <p>Document 4 cited in the international search report disclosed a double balanced mixer circuit (fig. 1) and a single balanced mixer circuit (fig. 2). Given the similar configurations of the mixer circuits in question, it would have been obvious to a person skilled in the art to configure a single balanced mixer circuit from the mixer circuit illustrated in fig. 1 to 3 of document 1 cited in the international search report.</p>

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	<p>Such being the case, the inventions set forth in claims 5 and 7 are obvious in the light of documents 1 and 4 cited in the international search report; consequently, the inventions in question do not involve an inventive step.</p> <p>The configuration that involves a single balanced type mixer circuit is obvious for the same reasons as the inventions set forth in claims 5 and 7, while the configuration wherein the transistors are connected in parallel is obvious for the same reasons as the inventions set forth in claims 2, 10 and 11.</p> <p>Such being the case, the invention set forth in claim 6 is obvious in the light of documents 1, 2 and 4 cited in the international search report; consequently, the invention in question does not involve an inventive step.</p> <p>The provision of current sources, each of which only supplies an additional current to a respective load resistor, is not disclosed or suggested in any of the documents that are cited in the international search report.</p> <p>Consequently, the inventions set forth in claims 8 and 13 involve an inventive step.</p> <p>The substitution of a MOS transistor for a bipolar transistor would be an obvious substitution for a person skilled in the art to make.</p> <p>Such being the case, the invention set forth in claim 15 is obvious in the light of document 1 cited in the international search report; consequently, the invention in question does not involve an inventive step.</p> <p>The configuration wherein the mixer circuit is employed in a direct conversion receiver system or in a</p>

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low-IF receiver system would be obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Such being the case, the invention set forth in claim 16 is obvious in the light of document 1 cited in the international search report; consequently, the invention in question does not involve an inventive step.

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

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JP 2004-104515 A	02.04.2004	10.09.2002	
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2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)
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